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A.D.B. LOAN FOR POLICY REFORMS PROGRAMME
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Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) Whether the Asian Development Bank has for the first time decided to Fund Policy Reforms Programmes in various States of India;

(b) If so, the details thereof;

(c) whether apart from the changes in lending pattern, the bank has also decided to step up lending for the country as a whole from the current level of $ 600 million to around one billion dollars per annum from 1999; and

(d) if so, the number of States which are likely to be benefited from these fundings?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR FINANCE (SHRI BALASAHEB VIKHE PATIL)

(a) & (b) In 1996 Asian Development Bank (ADB) approved a loan of US $ 250 million for the Gujarat Public Resource Managemen Program and in 1999 ADB approved a loan of US $ 250 million for the Madhya Pradesh Public Resource Management Program.

(c) During CY 2000, ADB has approved loans worth US$ 730 million and negotiations for two Projects of US$ 600million have also been held.

(d) Gujarat and Madhya Pradesh have so far benefited from ADB`s state-level operations.ADB has in principle identified Kerala as third State for state-level operations.